

# September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have.

The altar flowers are given by Kathy & John Rustwick in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Lorelai Elizabeth Rustwick.

### 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister—Gerry Dehkes  
Acolyte—Alex Pepe  
Greeters— Harold & Martha Wrede  
Ushers— Jeff & Helen Livingston

### 11:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister—Dan Matyola  
Acolyte— Chloe Brokaw  
Greeters— Ted & Elaine Jermansen  
Ushers— Leah & David Wintemute

This morning's hymns:

### 8:30 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	<i>"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"</i>	ELW 588
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Lord, Whose Love in Humber Service"</i>	ELW 641

### 11:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn	<i>"God Is Here!"</i>	ELW 526
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i>	ELW 781
Closing Hymn	<i>"All Depends on Our Possessing"</i>	ELW 589



Give to Zion from your phone! Scan the QR code to be directed to Tithely's electronic giving site.



The 23rd Annual Tewksbury Harvest Festival is being held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Zion will be participating by hosting a booth at this event, which is expected to draw a large number of local families. We will share Flat Jesus with those who visit our table and provide information about Zion and our activities. Volunteers are needed for any

amount of time between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. to staff the table and bring the love of Zion to everyone at the festival! If you would like to help, please contact Debra Kaufman at 703-402-2158.



The summer adventures of **Flat Jesus** have come to an end, and what a summer he had! He went on trips to national parks, Washington DC, Chicago, Lake Placid, Maine, and the Jersey shore. He swam in the pool, helped with the grocery shopping and the laundry, went fishing and kayaking, saw a parade and a concert, enjoyed the Peach Festival at Melick's Farm and had a visit to the firehouse. He celebrated Zion's 307th anniversary in August, along with a 45th wedding anniversary and the birth of a baby. He even got to visit with old friends Peggy Eppley and Henrietta Siodlowski.

Thank you to all who participated in the Flat Jesus Project! Throughout the summer we were reminded that God is always with us, and we got to share the love of Jesus with others as we carried Flat Jesus with us as we traveled. **Please see the photos displayed at the CEB to enjoy the 2021 adventures of Flat Jesus.**



Adult Forum is a popular venue for adults to gather during the Sunday School hour to discuss their faith in their everyday lives. Discussions usually are on a single topic each week, so anyone can drop in at any time.

**We are currently looking for adults who would like to take turns leading the informal discussions.**

If you are interested in helping out, contact Rhonda Rossi at youth@zionoldwick.com. Adult Forum begins today at 9:45 a.m. and follows the regular Sunday School schedule.

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

### **Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”



## **New Jersey Women of the ELCA**

### **33rd Annual Gathering**

**Internet Video Interaction via ZOOM**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

*(Annual Business Meeting - Friday, Sept. 24 @ 7pm)*

**“Love One Another” John 13:34**

The Annual NJ Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Gathering will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30 - 1:30**. Join other women from throughout the New Jersey Synod and *virtually* experience through ZOOM: Guest Speaker Pamela E. Gardner, Churchwide Representative, Lois Bylund, discussion, prayer, singing, fellowship and even a scavenger hunt! Deacon Jamie Dungal will lead us in prayers & hymns.

The annual **business meeting** for Voting Members will be held on **Friday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm**. If you are interested in serving as a Voting Member at this year's business meeting, please contact **Joanne Lucey** at **joannewk@yahoo.com**.

As we are not able to meet in person due to the conditions associated with Covid-19, the wording “Annual Convention” has been changed to “Annual Gathering,” due to us meeting by ZOOM. Our goal is safety and to keep in touch with our friends from other congregations. Life is progressing; the WELCA Board is embracing this journey eagerly and positively. Join us as we step out of our boats.

Please visit our website for the detailed schedule, speaker bios, & more info: [www.njwelca.org](http://www.njwelca.org)

To register and to receive the ZOOM link for the Annual Gathering, please send an email to **njwelca@yahoo.com**.

Looking forward to "seeing" you (and a friend or two!) at the Gathering!

**Joanne Lucey, president**  
**New Jersey Women of the ELCA**